

# July

Magic Lantern Society  
of the United States and Canada



LOOK for those Buttons and roll-over effects

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*Click slide to see some summer time fun!*



## The Magic Lantern Calendar – July 2023

### Events

July 6-9, 2023, *Alice in Wonderland*, real vintage magic lantern show using a rare complete set of projector slides from 1905, Duston Community Centre, Pendle Road, Northampton, NN6 6DT UK.

July 22, 2023, *Summer Meeting 2023*, Magic Lantern Society, Lacey Green Millenium Hall, Main Road, Lacey Green HP27 0QN, Buckinghamshire, England, UK.

Sept. 16, 2023, *James Burgess's Magic Lantern Show*, showing sculptures and props including a complete original Alice in Wonderland magic lantern set from 1905, Hastings Steampunk Festival, White Rock Theatre, White Rock, Hastings, East Sussex, TN34 1JX, England, UK.

Oct. 14, 2023, *Autumn meeting 2023*, Magic Lantern Society, The Birmingham and Midland Institute, 9 Margaret Street, Birmingham B3 3BS, England, UK.

### Exhibits

Through Aug. 13, 2023, *Light Images in Chinese Contemporary Art*, anew genealogy of the slide and its legacy on the foundational years of Chinese contemporary art, UCCA Beijing, 798 Art District, No. 4 Jiuxianqiao Road, Chaoyang District 100015 Beijing, China

Through August, *Making the Modern World: A Century+ of Progress*, based on the 1933 Chicago World's Fair, includes magic lantern, Brick Store Museum, 117 Main Street, Kennebunk, ME.

Through Sept. 17, 2023, *Sarah Sze: The Waiting Room*, video sculpture / phantasmagoria, Peckham Rye Station, London, UK.

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## The Magic Lantern Calendar – July 2023 continued

### Exhibits continued

Through Dec. 2026, *The Story of the Moving Image*, includes shadow puppets, Victorian-era magic lanterns, original cameras and more, Australian Centre for the Moving Image, Fed Square, Melbourne, Australia <https://www.acmi.net.au/whats-on/story-of-the-moving-image-exhibition/>.

Ongoing, *The Path to Cinema: Highlights from the Richard Balzer Collection*, Academy Museum of Motion Pictures, Los Angeles CA USA. 9,000 magic lantern objects collected by former MLS president Richard Balzer. <https://www.academymuseum.org/en/exhibitions/path-to-cinema>

### Online

*Magic Lantern Performing Group*, Improve your skills every other Wednesday on Zoom. Contact Terry Borton: [tborton@magiclanternshows.com](mailto:tborton@magiclanternshows.com)

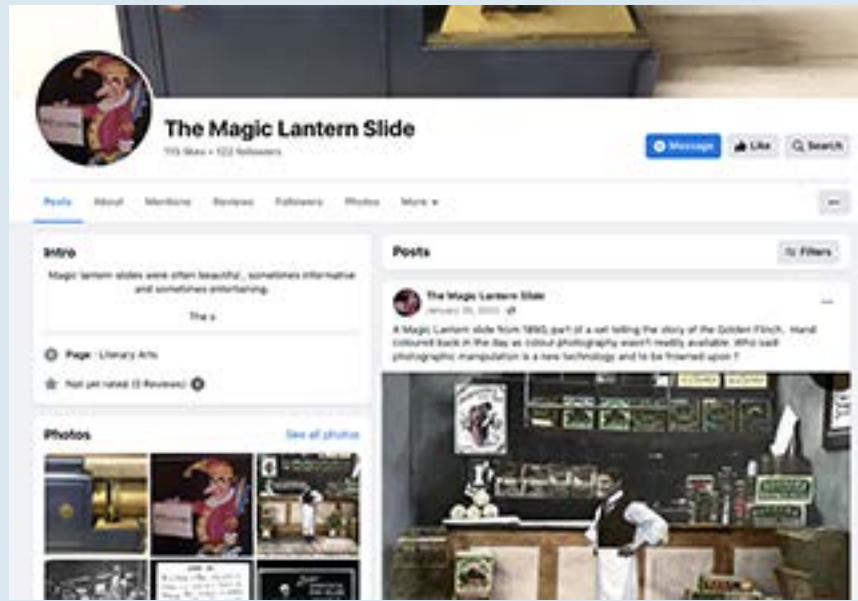
*De Luikerwaal Dutch Virtual Museum*, <https://www.luikerwaal.com/> Magic lantern history, pictures, stories.

*Lucerna – the Magic Lantern Web Resource*, online database collaboration covering all aspects of magic lanterns. <http://lucerna.exeter.ac.uk/>

*The Museum of American Magic Lantern Shows*, 5-minute intro, 10-minute Highlights Tour, 30-minute In-Depth Tour and Kids' Page. [www.magiclanternmuseum.com](http://www.magiclanternmuseum.com)

To add your magic lantern show, exhibition, or other event to our calendar, or to list your show for potential bookings, drop a line to [briandrogers@gmail.com](mailto:briandrogers@gmail.com).

## A Few Facebook Sites About Lantern Slides

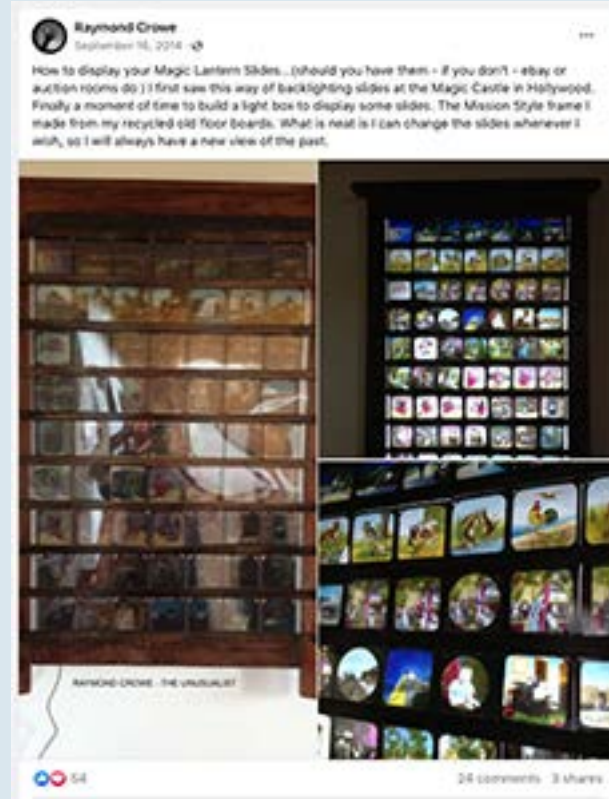


<https://www.facebook.com/magiclanternprints/>



[https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=10156689703461365&set=a.311126946364&locale=zh\\_CN](https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=10156689703461365&set=a.311126946364&locale=zh_CN)

### Raymond Crowe How to display your Magic Lantern Slides



<https://www.facebook.com/RaymondCroweUnusualist/posts/how-to-display-your-magic-lantern-slides-should-you-have-them-if-you-dont-ebay-or/696292063753858/>

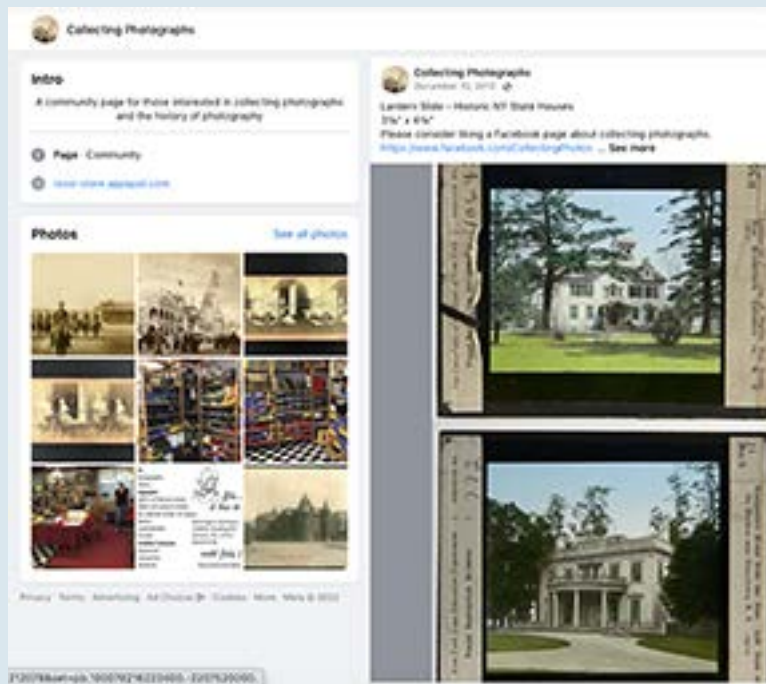
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## A Few Facebook Sites About Lantern Slides continued



<https://magiclanternist.com/2016/11/24/cinema-advertising-magic-lantern-slides/>



<https://www.facebook.com/CollectingPhotos/>



<https://www.facebook.com/aberfeldymuseum/posts/a-series-of-magic-lantern-slides-that-have-just-been-put-on-show-in-one-of-the-m/2766218790326623/>

## Slide Images Celebrating US Holiday

### From Ron Easterday

Link to listen to Columbia the Gem of the Ocean  
by D. T. Shaw

[https://archive.org/details/78\\_columbia-the-gem-of-the-ocean\\_columbia-stellar-quartette-d-t-shaw\\_gbia0307283b](https://archive.org/details/78_columbia-the-gem-of-the-ocean_columbia-stellar-quartette-d-t-shaw_gbia0307283b)



**Columbia the Gem of the Ocean 1844**

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## **Share Images Celebrating National Holidays**

**Please Society members  
share any slide  
images you might have  
of your national holiday  
or country  
wide celebrations!**

### **Members from;**

Australia  
Canada  
Belgium  
France  
Germany  
Italy  
Japan  
The Netherlands  
United Kingdom

## **Questions About Magic Lantern Items**

### **From Lester Levine**

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I have a friend who has some of these items:

Are there antique dealers who specialize in selling them?

In general, has the value of these items gone down or up in the last 30 years? If so, about how much?

Where on the internet might I learn more about the antique business side of magic lantern items?

Many thanks in advance,

Lester Levine

### **From David Evans**

Hello Lester

Not an easy question to answer.

As in many collectibles circles, the really rare items have maintained or even increased their monetary value, but the more common items not so much. You could do worse than follow eBay, where thousands of slides and a lot of lanterns are

usually offered for sale, but best to mostly check on the sales where stuff has actually sold, rather than vendors 'flying kites'. For example, some often ask about \$25 for a black and white photo slide of an unidentified English church, where \$5 would be more realistic. Many years ago there were one or two dealers in magic lantern material, but now I don't know of any with business premises, as they are almost all on eBay these days.

You can still buy a good quality 1920s magic lantern for under \$100 and slides from a few \$\$ to some thousands, depending on the type of slide.

Hope that helps a bit.

David Evans

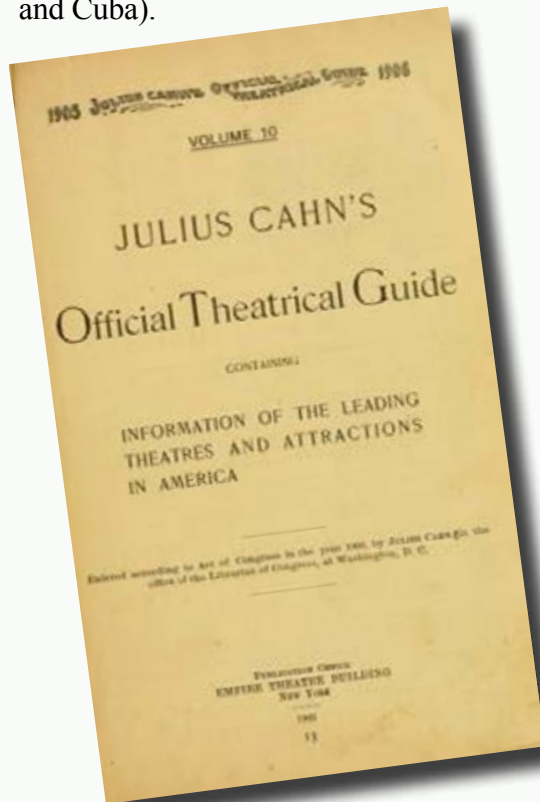


## Research Source

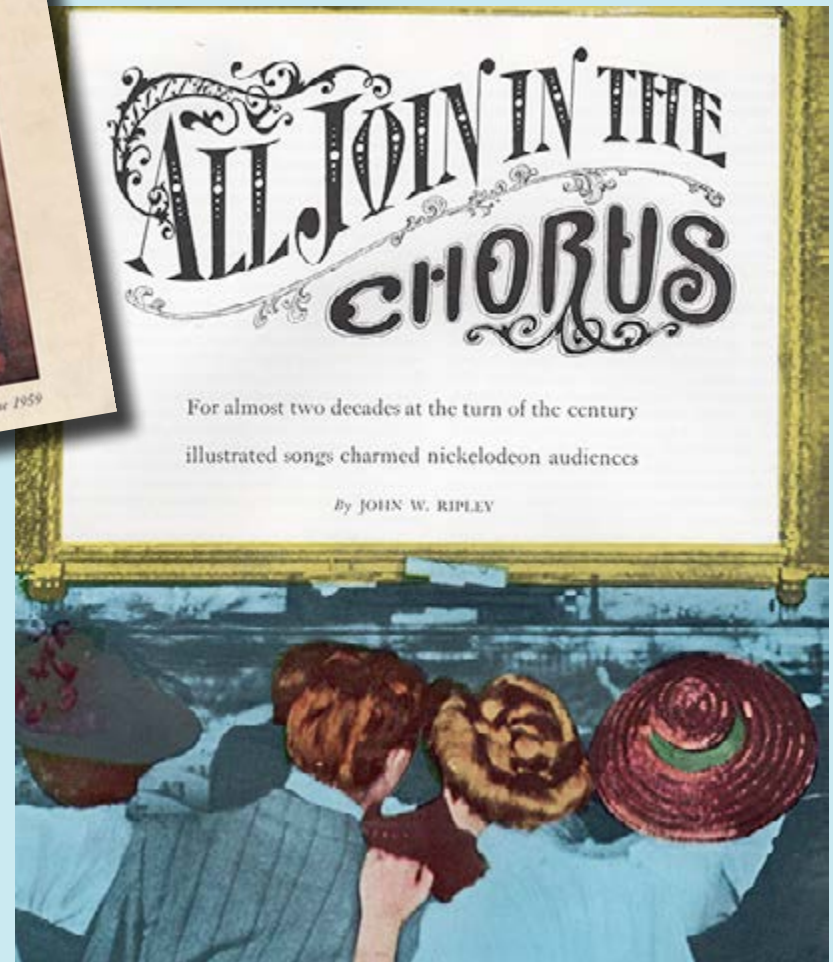
### From Ron Easterday

I ran across this great source for researching old theaters on Internet Archive:

Julius Cahn's Official Theatrical Guide Containing Information of the Leading Theatres and Attractions in America, [Volume 1], 1896-1897; Volume 8, 1903-1904; Volume 10, 1905-1906; and Volume XII, 1907-1908 (now expanded to Leading Theatres and Attractions in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Cuba).



## American Heritage June 1959



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## All Join in The Chorus by John W. Ripley from American Heritage June 1959

### "Only a Message From Home Sweet Home"

*Few ballads provided the slide maker with meatier fare than this sentimental hit of 1905. Carroll Fleming wrote the clichés and Edmond Florant set them to music. The entire set of sixteen slides appears here, with the chorus below. The philosophical may observe that Only a Message celebrates an abiding item in the credo of the Republic—namely, that city life is evil but that salvation can always be achieved by going back to the farm.*



'Twas in a gay resort one night  
There met a reckless crew,



When one said to another, "Jack,  
This letter came for you."



"I'll bet it's from a woman, boys,"  
Said one among the crowd.



With laugh and jest they  
gathered 'round  
And Jack replied aloud:



It's only a message from  
Home Sweet Home,  
From loved ones down on the farm;



Fond wife and mother,  
sister and brother,  
Praying to guard me from harm.



And baby is lisping a prayer tonight  
To bless me where'er I roam;



"We'll welcome you Jack,  
If you'll only come back,"  
Was the message from  
Home Sweet Home.



"I'm going boys, goodnight,"  
said Jack,  
"I know you'll understand."



Then one by one his  
comrades came  
And shook him by the hand.



Said one,  
"If we had homes like that  
We'd all be better men;



And now before you go just read  
That letter once again."



It's only a message from  
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## Hand-Colored Lantern Slides of Old Los Angeles

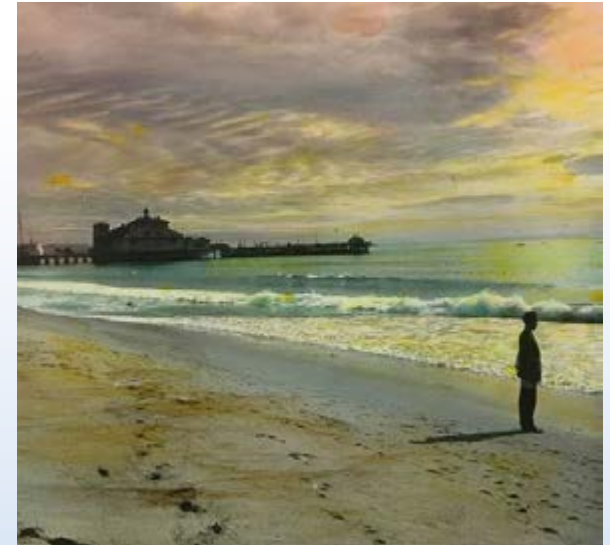
**KCET**

Shows Arts & Culture News & Community Food & Discovery

<https://www.kcet.org/shows/lost-la/hand-colored-lantern-slides-of-old-los-angeles>



**Downtown Los Angeles in 1895 – Broadway between 2nd and 3rd.**



**Sunset over Venice Beach**



**West Hollywood in 1892.**

## LEGO Magic Lantern

<https://ideas.lego.com/projects/03f12019-3d03-4a31-b206-c47c47cc41c4>

**From Chris Nordberg**

chris.nordberg@yahoo.  
co.uk

Hello from the UK!

Firstly, apologies for the cold-mail.

I'm writing to see if you or any of your society members would be interested in supporting a Magic Lantern project I have submitted to the LEGO Group?

Here are some brief details:

LEGO run a scheme called LEGO IDEAS, where members submit their own LEGO designs and proceed to garner support. Any model that achieves 10,000 supports then goes to the LEGO board for evaluation and if selected, will be made into an official LEGO model and distributed globally.

My project is a working Magic Lantern that uses all LEGO parts and a mobile phone as the light source. It currently has just over 6,000 supporters so needs about 4,000 more to hit the target.

If it was selected this would be a great



way to get the younger generation interested in projection technology and its history.

Here's the project if you want to have a look:  
<https://ideas.lego.com/projects/03f12019-3d03-4a31-b206-c47c47cc41c4> (or go to the LEGO Ideas website and search for Magic Lantern by Norders).

It would be amazing to get support from people who actually own and use Magic Lanterns!

Many thanks for taking the time to read.

All the best,

Chris Nordberg





## A Short Moving Slide Story

### The Story Script

It was the time to hire two reliable helpers to help make the move. Mutt and Jeff carried the crate of the

*Click on slip slide on the right*  
most valuable items.  
It is possible I packed items too tightly.

*Click slide to see some summer time fun!*

### A Big Thank You to the following:

contributing to this months issue.

Ron Easterday  
David Evans  
Lester Levine  
Chris Nordberg  
Brian Rogers

### Now it's your turn to share!

Do you have a favorite site or a collection of images you would like to share with the rest of the society?

**E-mail Larry**

### Script continued

I used the most reliable trucking service, Turner Moving and Storage and their hook is what sold me on there service

*Click advertising slide  
on the left*

this slide which would be shown in this local publication to announce my new location.

Larry

*Click slide to see some summer time fun!*